

September 9, 2010

California Independent System Operator
151 Blue Ravine Road
Folsom, CA 95630

Dear Cal-ISO:

After a decade of advocating that the Potrero Power Plant be closed, we were looking forward to celebrating the shuttering of the facility early this year. Unfortunately, due to technical flaws in the Trans Bay Cable, that happy occasion did not occur. We now understand that under test conditions the Cable has been shown to be capable of conveying the full 400 megawatts of electrical load it was designed to carry. Likewise, it is our understanding that the required intra-City transmission upgrades to close Potrero Units 4, 5, and 6 will be completed by the end of the year.

The community and its advocates have been more than patient throughout this long process. Given that all of the necessary transmission upgrades will be completed by the end of the year, we strongly encourage you to allow the plant to die without a further extension of its reliability contract. In the alternative, we ask Cal-ISO to take every step possible to ensure the prompt release of the contract as soon as the Trans Bay Cable testing is complete and the upgrades finished so we can close Potrero before year's end.

Finally, we believe that a portion of the liquidated damages Siemens was required to pay due to the delay in Trans Bay Cable completion should be directed to environmental remediation projects in Southeast San Francisco. To the extent that the Cal-ISO can influence state allocation of these resources in such a manner the community would be most appreciative.

Sincerely,

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